

IDOC Staff Attend IAHCN Conference

Indianapolis, Indiana (October 5, 2009) – The Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) values partnerships with organizations that promote public safety and training opportunities. To that end, many IDOC employees recently attended the Indiana Association of Hostage Crisis Negotiators (IAHCN) conference.

Held during the first week of September, the IAHCN conference provided a forum for employees of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to interact and train on the best practices in hostage negotiation, and experts in criminology, law enforcement, and corrections spoke at the conference. This year, a record number 200 people attended, with 50 of those being IDOC employees.



Conference attendees participate in a workshop.

“By participating in training opportunities such as these, the IDOC continues to lead the way in practicing and perfecting the art of negotiation, a skill that is essential to maintaining safety and security for the public,” said IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss.

The IAHCN is a not for profit education-based, state-wide affiliation of law enforcement professionals who have an expertise in hostage/crisis negotiation. This is a specialty within law enforcement that began developing over thirty years ago when law enforcement officers were confronted by very high profile, violent, and intense standoffs between law enforcement and hostage-taking criminal perpetrators.

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